Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, In 1971, Stephen R. Davis began his career as a member of the United States Army where he served as a helicopter crew chief until his honorable discharge in 1974; and,

Whereas, Steve went to work for the United States Forest Service as a firefighter in 1977, and in 1982, he joined the Black Hills Interagency Helitack Program; and,

Whereas, The Black Hills Interagency Helitack Program will celebrate its 50-year anniversary in July 2009, and Steve has been an integral part of the program for 26 of those years; and,

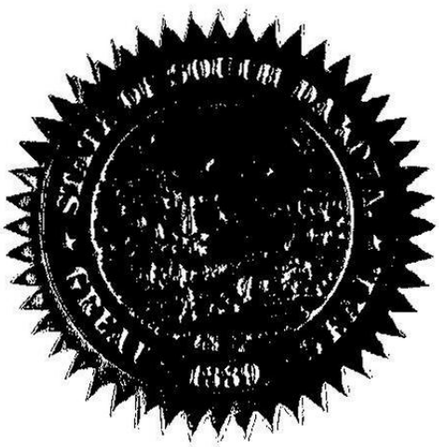
Whereas, Steve's excellent leadership has resulted in an exemplary safety record and highly effective initial attack resources, which have proven to be instrumental in protecting the citizens and natural resources of the Black Hills; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 30, 2009, as

STEPHEN DAVIS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State